

STATE OF ILLINOIS
92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

117th Legislative Day

January 6, 2003

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 92nd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

(Prayer by Senator Geo-Karis)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Been a request to record the proceedings by CBS Channel 2-Chicago. Is leave granted? Seeing no objections, leave is granted. Reading of the Journals.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, December 3rd; Wednesday, December 4th; and Thursday, December 5th, 2002.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones moves to approve the Journal just read. Hearing no objections, so ordered. We have a second request from the Chicago Tribune to photograph, take still photographs. Leave granted? Hearing no objections, leave is granted. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A letter from Senator Margaret Smith, dated December 12th,

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2002, addressed to the Secretary of the Senate.

Please be advised that of this date, I, Margaret Smith, am resigning from both my position as the State Senator of the 3rd Legislative District for the 92nd General Assembly and the Senator-elect of the 3rd Legislative District for the 93rd General Assembly.

Sincerely, Senator Margaret Smith.

Message from the Secretary of State, dated December 20th, 2002.

Dear Mr. Secretary - This office is forwarding herewith copies of the Notice of Vacancy from the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 3rd Legislative District declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of Senator in the 92nd General Assembly in the 3rd Legislative District, as a result of the resignation of Margaret Smith. Also enclosed is the copy of Democratic Legislative Committee's Certificate of Appointment, along with the Oath of Office, for Elga L. Jefferies, 3516 South Rhodes Street, Chicago, who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Office of Senator, in the 92nd General Assembly for the 3rd Legislative District.

Yours truly, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

Letter from Senator Myers, dated December 10th, 2002, addressed to the Secretary of the Senate.

Please be advised that I announce my resignation from the Illinois State Senate effective at the close of business, December 10th, 2002.

Very truly yours, Judith A. Myers.

A Message from the Secretary of State, dated January 6th, 2002, to the Secretary of the Senate.

This office is forwarding herewith copies of the Notice of Vacancy from the Republican Legislative Committee of the 53rd Legislative District declaring the existence of a vacancy in the

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Office of Senator in the 92nd General Assembly in the 53rd Legislative District, as a result of the resignation of Judith Myers. Also enclosed is the copy of the Republican Legislative Committee's Certificate of Appointment for Dale Righter, 3432 Western Avenue, Mattoon, who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Office of Senator, in the 92nd General Assembly for the 53rd Legislative District, along with the Oath of Office.

Yours truly, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 567, by Senator Clayborne and all Members, as is Senate Resolution 568.

Senate Resolution 569 and Senate Resolution 570, also 571, by Senator Geo-Karis and all Members.

Senate Resolution 572, by Senator Link and all Senators.

Senate Resolution 573, by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 574, by Senator Geo-Karis and all Members.

Senate Resolution 575, by Senator Geo-Karis and all Members.

Senate Resolution 576, by Senator Dillard and all Members.

Senate Resolution 577, by Senator Clayborne and all Senators.

Senate Resolution 578, Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 579, by Senator O'Malley and all Members.

Senate Resolution 580, by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators.

And Senate Resolutions 581, 582 and 583, all by Senators Demuzio, Emil Jones and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. Senator Karpriel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to announce a

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Republican Caucus immediately in Senator Philip's Office, and he stipulates that it will be about twenty minutes long.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

It's going to be short and sweet. We stand at ease until the Republican Caucus is over, hopefully in twenty minutes.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the President, dated January 6th, 2003.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rules 3-1 and 3-2, I hereby appoint Senator Peter Roskam to the vacancy on the Senate Executive Appointments Committee created by the resignation of Senator Judy Myers, effective immediately.

Filed by Senator Philip, President of the Senate.

Message for the Governor by Kraig Lounsberry, Acting Director of Legislative Affairs, dated January 6th, 2002 {sic}.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Illinois General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Mr. Secretary, have any motions been filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Madam President. Senator Philip, President of the Senate, and Senator Jones, Minority Leader, have filed the

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following motion:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-17(d), I move that Senate Rule 10(b) be suspended for the purpose of hearing the Governor's Message dated January 6th, 2003, in the Senate Executive Appointments Committee hearing previously posted, pursuant to Rule Senate {sic} 10(d), for tomorrow, January 7th, at 9 o'clock a.m., in Room 212. The purpose of the original posting is to hear the Governor's Message dated December 5th, 2002.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Madam President. This is a -- a motion to suspend the rules. Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-17(d), I move that Senate Rule 10 {sic} (10(b)) be suspended for the purpose of hearing the Governor's Message dated January 6th, 2003, in Senate Executive Appointments Committee hearing previously posted, pursuant to Senate Rule 10(d), for tomorrow, January 7th, at 9 a.m., in Room 212. The purpose of the original posting is to hear the Governor's Message dated December 5, 2002.

Signed by Senator Jones and by Senator Philip. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, Senator Philip moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing the Governor's Message dated January 6th, 2003. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. And it will be heard in the Executive Appointments Committee tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in Room 212. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

...Resolution 584, by Senator Bomke and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

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Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 585, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SR No. 585)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of adoption of Senate Resolution 585. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Weaver has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution 585. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion is adopted. Is there any further motion -- further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 7th, 2003.